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CLEAN OUR DRAINS OR FACE FLOOD

DEAL'S drains are clogged with debris which could cause serious risk of flooding, according to an alarming investigation by a former mayor of the town.

Deryck Murray says action must be taken now to clean out debris and filth from drains throughout the town's streets before the winter rains come as he says they could not cope with a deluge of water. Failure to do so could lead to homes being damaged and even lives being put at risk as water spills out into the streets, he says.

■ BY NICK AMES

"I have been trying to draw people's attention to this for years," said retired businessman Mr Murray.

"And it seems they [the council] are listening at last as there is a meeting to be held in the town hall on this one issue next month.

"I have lived in Deal for 20 years and when I first came here a lorry with a suction device on it used to clean the drains. But for the last 15 years I have not seen that sort of work happening. They are all clogged up with gunge – one even has a tree growing out of it.

"There is no way that large amounts of water can be accommodated and dispersed by this system as it is already blocked with muck. My concern is that heavy rain will just swamp it and flooding will occur across the town."

Mr Murray, 79, said he was especially concerned for older residents.

"Around 35 per cent of our population are pensioners and many of them are very frail indeed," he said.

"They would just not be able to cope in the event of floodwaters breaching their homes and their lives could even be put at risk by rising waters.

"Then there is the financial side – if

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Former town mayor Deryck Murray says that he has been trying 'for years' to draw attention to the threat of flooding caused by Deal's blocked drains

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CHANGE: The site of the explosion has been cleared and grassed; inset is the barracks today

'Site of atrocity should be used more by public'

EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

IN the week that Deal remembered the IRA bomb which killed 11 bandsmen, the site of the atrocity remains largely forgotten.

Since the barracks were redeveloped as flats, the area where the bomb at the Royal Marines School of Music exploded two decades ago is seldom visited.

It is behind a row of top-quality homes and contains no memorial plaques or commemorative objects, just a few park benches, some trees and stone paths.

One area close by seems to have been used as a dumping ground.

"Really no one around here uses the area of open ground at all," said one resident of the private estate, now called Admiralty Mews.

"There used to be talks organised for people who wanted to remember the victims of the attack, but they don't happen any more.

"Really, I'd like to see the area open to the public – but it's behind gates

which are frequently locked on a private housing estate. I don't see people using the area for picnics or anything like that – why not make it a space people can enjoy?"

The official memorial to those who died is the bandstand, which is a few hundred yards away on the seafront. It contains the names of all those who died inscribed along the side. The musicians were killed in the blast on September 22, 1989. More than 20 others were injured.

No one has ever been convicted over the deaths, caused by a 15lb device planted in a recreational centre. The explosion flattened a three-storey accommodation block and caused damage to nearby homes.

Lt Col Richard Dixon, who was head of the barracks in 1989, said the Deal site was a "soft target".

He said: "We had very few security guards. They were all civilians and not service-people. And there was no barbed wire on the walls or anything to stop anybody getting in at all."

Last Tuesday's service was taken by Rev Jane Walker, whose brother Bob Simmonds died in the blast.

She said: "I felt I had to forgive those who did this, and to this day I'm trying to think and work with what is the root cause of terrorism."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Yew Tree's debut in Michelin pub guide

THE Yew Tree pub in Barfreestone has been praised in the latest Michelin Eating Out In Pubs guide, which recognises 570 inns serving excellent food across Britain and Ireland.

This is the first time the pub has been mentioned in the book and it is one of 80 new additions.

Derek Bulmer is the editor of the guide and he said: "Judging by the number of new entries we have found for this year's guide it would seem that reports of the death of the British pub have been grossly exaggerated."

Museum display with a stamp of authority

STAMPED IN DEAL is the name of a display being held at the town's Maritime and Local History Museum.

It marks the 100th anniversary of the Deal Philatelic Society and includes the area's history in the form of mail items.

The museum is open Mondays to Saturdays from 2pm until 5pm and includes replica and historic ships and boats and a display of costumes.

Learning to look back

CLASSES in how to research local history are being held by the Workers Education Association at the Landmark Centre in Deal.

They take place each Thursday and will explore 100 years of the history of Upper Deal among a series of subjects.

Art classes and studies of archaeology are also being held at the centre in the coming weeks.

For details, go to the Tourist Information Centre at the venue.

A new road crossing?

PLANS for a crossing over the road alongside Deal Castle are to be examined by Kent Highways Service after a local request.

The idea has come from Walmer parish councillors as they say the site is next to a couple of junctions at Gilford Road and Deal Castle Road which can be a problem for pedestrians to negotiate.

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How would you relish life in the inner city?

Columnist suggests swapping of lives for reality TV show

■ BY NICK AMES

A SWAPPING of residents between east Kent villages and the inner-London borough of Hackney has been proposed in a tongue-in-cheek article in The Times.

Columnist Robert Crampton put forward the light-hearted suggestion for a reality TV show in which dwellers of rural east Kent were brought to live in east London – while their counterparts moved to the coast.

He wrote: "At this time of year, I spend many weekends in Kent, in a sleepy village just down the coast from Deal.

"When I come back to Hackney on a Sunday, I like to imagine what would happen if the residents of the two areas swapped places. In fact, I always think it'd make a good reality TV show."

Mr Crampton then went on to compare the way that new surroundings might affect behaviour patterns: "It's hard to know if the youth of Hackney would be civilised by the genteel surroundings of rural Kent.

"I suspect that while a few might be, many



ALL CHANGE: The writer ponders what would happen if people in Hackney (inset) traded places with those in east Kent

would retain the lively custom and practice of the inner city.

"And, in the opposite direction, most of the elderly people (I've seen hill-top Sardinian villages with a lower age profile than the Kent coast) transferred to east London would no doubt continue to observe their admirably impeccable manners.

"And yet it's the tiny minority that would go bad that make me chuckle.

"Because, surely, for every 98 oldies who continued to make light weather-related conversation in the shadow of the forbidding estates, you'd get at least a couple of geriatric hoodies who discovered an enormous relish for gobbing

extravagantly in public places. And riding a bicycle with tiny wheels and very narrow handlebars. And swearing monotonously in loud voices. And who, in finishing a bottle of lager in the park, would learn to dispose of it by lobbing it over their shoulder."

Some residents of Deal were not altogether against the plan when shown the article.

Mya Coe, 18, said: "I would really like the chance to live in London. The East End has got to be the place for music and fashion – especially when compared with Deal."

But David Hannah, 40, wasn't so sure: "I don't think I'd like the noise and bustle and I hate using the Tube when I do go to town."

Hundreds pack waste-plant rally

MORE than 200 people packed Eastray village hall for a meeting opposing the proposed Tilmanstone waste plant.

The public meeting, hosted by Kent County Council, was also attended by Charlie Elphicke, the Tories' parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, who described the proposed development as the equivalent of every compost heap in the area being combined into one.

Representatives of other villages were also present.

Mr Elphicke said: "The plan described as 'composting' is not like the one at the end of a garden... and it's not made of grass and clippings, either – this heap would process manure and food waste."

He added that he felt the scheme would provide no benefits to the environment because of the way it was being designed.

Also at the meeting was county councillor Steve Manion, who is opposed to the plans as he said they would ruin the planned regeneration of the area.

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Former mayor Deryck Murray on the flood threat. Search 'drains'

'Clean these drains before it's too late'

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flooding takes place, compensation claims would be sent to Kent Highways, who look after drains in the town. The first successful claim would open them up for huge demands for money.

"This in turn would push up premiums on all homes in the area. It's no use waiting for the first flood and then cleaning up. Something needs to be done now – before the rains of winter come."

On several occasions in the last decade fire-fighters have been called to pump away water which had collected in the High Street.

"This year we saw another incident," said Mr Murray. "On July 16 rainwater started to cause floods up to my gate. It is a serious problem which needs to be addressed."

Norman Bateman, of Kent Highway Services, said: "Kent Highway Services, which looks after Kent's roads, has routinely cleansed the gullies in Deal on five occasions over the past few years – in 2004, 2005, 2006, July 2008 and October 2008."

"In the event of flooding emergencies, residents can call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800."

• A meeting about the issue is being held at the town hall on Tuesday, October 6. It is open to all.

Determined dad drives length of south coast to raise baby unit cash

A GRATEFUL father has spent 12 hours on a motorbike riding from Deal to Land's End to raise more than £1,000 for a hospital's baby unit which saved his son's life.

Lee Edge (pictured), who lives with his wife Jackie, 29, and sons Liam, four, Dylan, two, and James, one, set off from Deal at 5am and arrived at Land's End 10 minutes before the park at the western tip of England closed at 5pm.

The 30-year-old technical director of IT support company BITS had to fill up his motorbike with fuel five times during the weekend, during which he raised £1,330 for the Forever Friends campaign which aims to raise £4.7 million for a new neo-natal unit at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

Mr and Mrs Edge, who live in the village of Bratton, near Bath, said they wanted to thank the unit after it saved the life of their first child, Liam, who had breathing complications after being born.

The boy spent two days in the unit as experts battled to ensure his survival, a time Mr Edge called "an incredibly frightening experience".

Mr Edge said he wanted to ride along the south coast of England, which is why he chose to start from Deal: "I deliberately tried to stay off the motorways and main roads

because I wanted to take the coastal roads.

"It did make the trip last longer – I thought it was never going to end. But I really enjoyed it because I would never have got to see all of the coast otherwise. There were some fantastic sites along the way – castles, windmills and churches.

"I'm really pleased with the amount raised so far. My original target was £500 and when I passed that I changed it to £750.

"I hope it will encourage other people to fund-raise for the unit as well."

The trip took Mr Edge through Hastings, Brighton, Poole and Exeter to Land's End.



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Ferries still running despite strike action

FERRY chiefs at Norfolkline have said it's business as usual despite industrial action by some members of staff.

Vessels are operating to schedule, but customers are being warned of short delays on the Dover-Dunkerque route.

A spokesperson said: "The company is currently engaged in discussions with its Dunkerque terminal personnel with regard to changing working processes to improve operational efficiency and increase the levels of service offered to our customers."

"Unfortunately as a result of these discussions a small number of our employees have engaged in industrial action."

"Our vessels are operating to schedule but you may experience short delays so please allow extra time for check-in."

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Callout a letdown for lifeboat crew

DOVER'S RNLI crew were called out after reports of a capsized boat in the Dover Strait.

But when the volunteers arrived at the scene, 13 miles from Dover, the vessel was identified as a large weather balloon.

It was the second time this year that the RNLI have been on such a call-out.

In March, the crew fished out a large C-shaped party balloon after reports of an object floating in the Channel.

Deputy second coxswain Mark Finnis said: "Whilst we were glad no one was in trouble and were able to put into practise our search skills, I'm slightly worried about how many balloon jokes we are going to hear over the next few weeks – I'm sure they'll be a few floating about."

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CHEERS: Raise your glasses to east Kent's latest brewer. Search 'brewery'

Castle tunnels scene of fire crews' disaster drill

■ BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER Castle's secret wartime tunnels have been the setting for a major drill by Kent Fire and Rescue Services and English Heritage staff.

The exercise, called Henry, saw a mock fire breaking out deep underground in the tunnels to see how fire crews and castle workers would respond in the event of a real blaze.

Hundreds of "visitors" were on hand to make the task even more lifelike and fire crews from surrounding villages assisted in the task.

Disaster

Castle staff carried out an evacuation and roll call while fire crews made their way to the scene of the "disaster."

The drill, which was devised by Kent Fire and Rescue Services and the visitor operations team at the tunnels, saw unexpected incidents being thrown in, with a mock-sightseer collapsing from a heart attack.

Three construction workers were also reported missing in the deepest of the tunnels – known as Dumpy – and additional firefighters had to



IN THE DARK: Fire crews 'successfully' stopped a fire during an exercise in the tunnels at Dover Castle

be called in from Whitfield and St Margaret's to assist in the search and rescue mission.

Two injured men were recovered by breathing

apparatus crews in searching for the trapped trio and a third was discovered unconscious.

The mock fire was then tackled by fire crews.

Control room officers were also put through their paces to see how effective their response to the incident was.

Tony Scott, watch manager and exercise director, said the drill was a success.

"Praise must be given to both English Heritage staff and firefighters participating in this exercise – they all coped extremely well with a multitude of different challenges," he said.

"We found it hugely useful to take part in an exercise like this."

"Benefits included being able to test our contingency plans for incidents like this, to ensure they are fit for purpose and gaining practical experience, including awareness of working with other agencies."

"It also provided firefighters with a valuable training opportunity to learn the fundamental tasks and priorities for dealing with a fire in the tunnels."

Lyndsay Riley, visitor operations site supervisor, said: "The safety of our visitors and their enjoyment is paramount so we are pleased to have had the opportunity to work closely with KFRS to ensure our high standards are always upheld."

FERRY WORKERS JOIN BIG BEACH CLEAN-UP



Staff from SeaFrance joined local volunteers in a clean-up of Kingsdown beach as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch Big Weekend.

More than 20 people took part in the clean-up which saw 29 sacks filled with rubbish.

Rachel Rissbrook, SeaFrance business development manager, said most of the waste was made up of plastic bottles, drink cans and fishing line.

"It is estimated that every year, over 100,000 marine mammals around the world die from entanglement or ingestion of plastics, so the work of the MCS and its supporters is vital," she said.

"SeaFrance is pleased to be able to support MCS through activities such as this and also through encouraging our customers to make a donation to their work."

In the past 16 months SeaFrance customers have given away £248,900 to the MCS to help it carry out beachwatch activities, as well as providing educational resources for schools and environmental projects.

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MODEL EX-INMATE: Nick Wallace says shelter offered by Porchlight – he was first placed in Red Fern Court (left) – has helped him begin rebuilding his life; right, the former convict with one of his matchstick models

Charity shining beacon of hope for ex-jailbird

FACING a life on the streets of Dover after leaving prison was too much to bear for Nick Wallace.

The 46-year-old, originally from Carlisle, had spent the last 30 years in and out of jail for petty crimes and was determined to turn his life around.

But having faced a catalogue of tragedies, including the murder of his mother by his father in 1983, the father-of-six knew he needed help to get him back on his feet and to stay out of trouble.

He said: "A prison officer told me about a charity called Porchlight and since then I've never looked back.

"They helped me by giving me a place to live and the support I needed. I was institutionalised and couldn't face real life. It wasn't for Porchlight I'd be back in prison."

The charity, formerly East Kent Cyrenians, was founded in 1974 and provides accommodation for homeless people across the county.

It also gives floating support to vulnerable people to prevent them from becoming homeless. Each person is given the individual help they need to deal with their problems to help them stay off the streets.

Nick was placed in Fern Court, on Leyburne Road in Dover, six months ago after spending a year at Porchlight accommodation in Ramsgate.

He said: "When I came out of prison my girlfriend broke up with me and I had nowhere to go. I've never lived on the streets but that's what would've happened to me if Porchlight hadn't helped me.

"I'd lost everything, but the people at

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Porchlight helped me build my confidence and now I find it a lot easier to talk to people.

"I've changed a lot in the last six months. I think about things before doing them and I know I'll never go back to prison. I'd like to do talks in schools to show children that it's not worth getting into trouble."

Debbie Hunt, a Porchlight support and resettlement worker, has worked closely with Nick for the past six months.

She said: "When I first met him he wouldn't come out of his room, but he's doing so well now."

Her colleague, Mark Parry, said the charity's main aim is to break the cycle that hinders many homeless people's lives.

"Once people are in that vicious circle of drugs or prison, and end up on the streets, it's very difficult for them to get back on their feet," he said.

"It's too easy to slip back into it, so we are working constantly on a one-to-one basis with people to break that cycle."

Nick, who is currently recovering from a drug addiction with the help of methadone, now spends much of his time creating impressive matchstick models.

One of his models, of a galleon ship, is on display at Elmley Prison on the Isle of Sheppey.

For help on housing, benefits and tenancy sustainment visit the drop-in at the Gateway Centre, Dover, every Friday 10am-12pm.

Or for help with emergency housing call the Kent Outreach Service freephone helpline 0800 5677699.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Paintball attack arrests

POLICE in Walmer have made five arrests after a group of youths were seen firing a paintball gun at cars and houses.

Two 16-year-olds and two men, aged 18 and 19, all from Walmer, were arrested on suspicion of possessing a firearm with intent to cause fear.

They were released on bail while officers make further enquiries.

Another 16-year-old from the town was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a 42-year-old man from Deal who tried to stop the youths.

He was released on bail until October 23. A paintball gun was found in a nearby alleyway and taken to Deal Police Station.

Sgt Guy Thompson of the Dover District Community Safety Unit said: "Incidents of this nature are very unusual and we are looking into the circumstances.

"I would like to add a warning that using BB and paintball guns in public is extremely dangerous and being in possession of a firearm in public is an offence for which you could be arrested."

Three bailed after raid

POLICE in Dover have seized stolen items during a crackdown on burglary.

Officers searched a caravan site in Snowdown where stolen property from two burglaries was allegedly found.

Two men, aged 35 and 21, and a 15-year-old boy were arrested and bailed.

Kurtis William Tipton, 39, of Stuart Road, Folkestone, was arrested for a separate burglary at an address in Priory Hill in Dover in which three digital cameras, two laptops, computer games and jewellery were allegedly taken.

He is due to appear at Folkestone court on Wednesday, October 21.

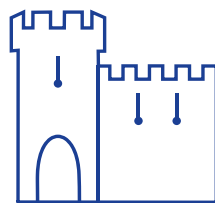
MP stops for charity coffee

MP Gwyn Prosser has helped raise money for Macmillan Cancer by taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

He joined residents of Wellington Court in Deal on Friday and St Mary's Church Hall in Dover on Saturday in the campaign.

"I'm an enthusiastic supporter of these Macmillan events and especially their annual Biggest Coffee Mornings," said Mr Prosser.

"Last year they raised a whopping £8million from these events right across the country and I'm so pleased that people in my own constituency take part so enthusiastically."



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Clampdown on abandoned vehicles

FIFTY abandoned and untaxed vehicles have been removed from the district's streets in a four-day clamp down.

Operation Cubit, which was launched in 2001 by Kent Police, KCC, DVLA, Kent Fire and Rescue, district councils and the National Car Parking Service, has led to a 50 per cent drop in abandoned cars in Dover.

Figures have fallen from 658 vehicles in 2006/07 to 329 in 2008/09.

In a four-day clamp down from September 7-11, abandoned and untaxed cars were taken to a compound.

Vehicle owners had to pay a minimum of £100 fine, a £21 storage fee plus a £160

surety fee, which was refundable once a tax disc was purchased.

If cars are not claimed within seven days they are destroyed.

Cllr Nicholas Kenton, Dover District Council cabinet member for environment, waste and planning, said Operation Cubit is a great success.

Sgt Guy Thompson, Acting Inspector of the Dover District Neighbourhood Task Team, said: "Members of the public are often contacting neighbourhood officers about untaxed and abandoned cars.

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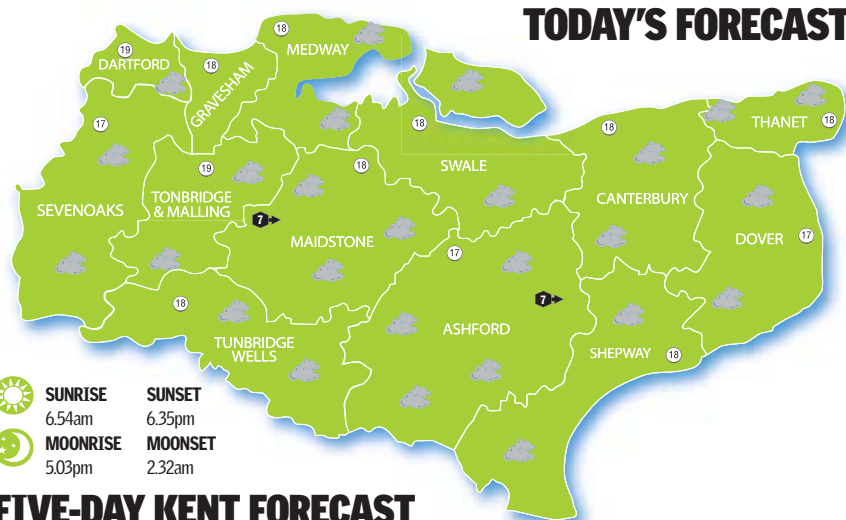
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	Sunday	11:46am	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:22am	7.4m
	Sunday	11:54am	7.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:48am	4.9m
	Sunday	12:16pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:52pm	5.6m
	Sunday	1:25pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:51pm	5.2m
	Sunday	1:24pm	5.2m

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Barcelona	24°C	Paris	21°C
Beijing	24°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	20°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	26°C
Gibraltar	23°C	Vancouver	14°C
Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	20°C
Las Palmas	28°C	Wellington	13°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	19°C	18°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	Gravesend	20°C	19°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Canterbury	18°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	17°C	Maidstone	19°C	19°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
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Dover	17°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	17°C	Sevenoaks	17°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	15°C
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Call to get rail stops reinstated triumphs

TRAIN stops at Shepherdswell station have been reinstated after complaints were made by worried commuters about the removal of a number of services.

New timetable arrangements, which are set to start in December once the full introduction of the high-speed service begins, initially saw some of the stops on the Victoria line removed.

But after complaints from regular users, Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser spoke to ministers and the chief executive of Southeastern Charles Horton to push for reinstatement.

He said: "I'm delighted to announce the company has taken on board the most serious of our concerns and agreed to include additional stops in services from Faversham to Dover Priory from December 13."

These include trains leaving Faversham at 3.15pm, 4.15pm, 5.19pm, 6.19pm, 8.15pm and 9.15pm, arriving in Shepherdswell 25 minutes after departure.

Concerns

Mr Prosser said: "I know these improvements won't satisfy all the concerns expressed, but they will substantially reduce the gap in return services from London in the evening, which was causing most alarm."

"I have also urged the chief executive to look again at up-line services and pressed him to link in Deal to the high-speed network to London."

A Southeastern spokesman said the company wanted to work with local stakeholders.

He said: "Gwyn Prosser was at the forefront of the campaign to bring the high-speed train to Dover and his lobbying of ministers helped us deliver the project."

"We have acknowledged the concerns raised by Mr Prosser and others about the impact of timetable changes on a number of his constituents and we have responded by modifying some of our standard services by reinstating some stops at Shepherdswell."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

ANDY CADIER



Q Tell us something about yourself

A I was born during the war in October 1943 in Gravesend. My mother lived in Grays in Essex and my father died of cancer when I was nine. After an unspectacular schooling, at 16 I joined the catering unit of the RAF and became an apprentice chef.

I worked at military bases, including two-and-a-half years in Cyprus. It was while there that I helped produce some sponsored fundraising sketches which were broadcast by the British Forces Broadcasting Service to raise money for the Wireless For The Blind Fund.

Having visited the BFBS studio and been very impressed, I used every excuse to visit the station. I did try to get myself seconded to the forces radio, but they would not accept people without relevant experience.

The problem was how do you get experience? In those days there were no media courses. I came back to the UK in 1965 and heard Radio Caroline and Radio London, known as Big L, and thought I would just love to be on something like that, but clearly they would want experienced people, too.

Anyway, I took a huge gamble and purchased my discharge from the Royal Air Force.

Luck was on my side as I heard some test transmissions being made by Radio Essex on 222 metres medium-wave from a small fort-based pirate coming from Knock John Tower in the Thames and sent them a tape of me.

Q How did you first become involved in pirate radio?

A I was invited to attend an interview with the owner of Radio Essex at Southend-on-Sea. While being interviewed, I was asked what I did for a living and replied that I was a chef at a Folkestone hotel. I never realised that in these small stations everyone needed to be multi-skilled – it was run on a shoe-string – and my cooking ability plus my DJing was just what they needed. It was just days later I found myself being literally hauled up on to their sea-based gun emplacement which served as a base for the radio station.

Q What kind of music did you broadcast on your show?

A On Radio Essex we played pop music at night as the leader stations closed around midnight. However, during the day it was middle-of-the-road music directed at housewives, playing the like of Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. I later moved to Radio 355, which was much more powerful and played a choice of soft pop, rather similar to BBC Radio 2 nowadays. Then on Radio Caroline it was mostly the top 40 charts, known as the Caroline Countdown of Sound.

Q What was the most enjoyable part of what you did then?

A I certainly enjoyed the music – what a way to earn a living – but it was the communi-

cation aspect which gave me the biggest buzz. We used to get letters from all over the place – it's hard to explain now, with radio stations all over the dial. They were telling us how they appreciated what we were doing, particularly in the face of threats by the Government to close down the pirate stations.

Q What was the highlight of your pirate radio DJ career?

A I suppose it was on August 14, 1967, when I arrived on the MV Caroline, the very ship I had heard broadcasting back in 1965. It was an experience beyond my wildest dreams.

Q Tell us about the role Folkestone played in the history of pirate radio.

A Folkestone was used by Radio Invicta, a station based on Redsands Fort off Whitstable.

After increased investment, this became the popular Radio 390. Offices were originally at Oxford House behind the Odeon Cinema in Oxford Terrace, but now demolished. Later offices were located at Queens House on the corner of Sandgate Road and Guildhall Street.

Years later the Grand (then a hotel) opened up a disco called Seventies in the basement – most of the audio equipment was ex-pirate radio gear.

Sadly, I never worked for either Radio Invicta or Radio 390, even though they were virtually on my doorstep.

Q & A

The former pirate radio DJ, who lives in Folkestone, spoke to **James Alexandre** about how his career as a chef in the RAF led to his first experience of the airwaves and changed the course of his future

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Former addict has turned his life around and is helping others trapped by drugs

'If I can keep one person out of prison, it will be worth it'

Drug addiction's link to crimes committed to pay for the habit is well known. Darren Dilloway has served time in prison for drug offences but now works with the police and drug agencies to help people trapped by addiction. As part of our A Safer Kent campaign, taking a behind-the-scenes look at the work of Kent Police, **TOM BETTS** meets a man who has been on both sides of the system.



TURNING your life around when you are fighting a £100-a-day drug habit is no easy task, but Darren Dilloway is living proof that it can be done.

At the peak of his addiction, Darren was living in a nightmare, flitting between prison and hostels, with a spate of convictions, heroin overdoses and near-death experiences under his belt.

He was losing the battle and thinks would be dead by now if he hadn't finally decided to try to escape and salvage something from life.

He said: "At one point I would honestly rather have been in prison than free. You get three meals a day, have no bills to pay and are looked after in a way."

Darren, 34, grew up in the Medway towns of Gillingham and Chatham and found himself in trouble with the police in his early teens.

He dabbled with drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine and LSD before an addiction to speed got the better of him and he started stealing to pay for his habit.

Skipping school, unemployment, hanging around aimlessly and car-crime became the norm and he soon found himself inside, where he first took heroin.

"Many people start to do it when they go inside as a 'bird-killer', to pass the time quicker, and when I got out I realised I was addicted," he said.

Years of addiction followed, with crack joining heroin on his daily wish-list.

He said: "All that interested me each day was getting money to buy drugs, taking drugs and everything that went with it. I knew the risks, but still I'd have tried anything. I was stuck in a vicious circle."

Talking about his crimes, he said: "The worst thing I've done is street robberies and burglaries."

"At one point I wouldn't think anything of breaking into four or five houses a day at the peak of my addiction. It didn't occur to me that there were victims – you don't really think like that."

However, after he last came out of prison, for a garage robbery, Darren decided he had to make a change.



DARREN DILLOWAY: 'I was stuck in a vicious circle'

He said: "It had got to the point where I was sick of it. I decided I could beat it, but even now it's an ongoing thing. I know that I could walk out of here and have the drugs I wanted in my

hand in an hour, it's that easy. I have to take each day as it comes."

Making the break with his old life and many old friends and acquaintances was part of the process. "I have had to take myself away from my old life and isolate myself from a lot of people," he said.

Darren has been clean for 18 months and has carved himself a new life. He has successfully completed a rehabilitation requirement and day programme and is facing the future with a renewed sense of hope.

Now he is volunteering and helping others with their drug problems and has managed to get himself a flat in Gillingham to start a new life.

Support

Eventually he hopes to get a job as a drug support worker, helping young people understand what a life as a drug addict can be like.

He said: "I want my story to be out there as it can show people they can turn their lives around."

"It's hard and you have to be ready and stable in life, but it is possible. If I can keep one person out of prison it will have been worth it."

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, who is in charge of the Medway area for Kent Police, arrested Darren when he was causing trouble and has seen him start to turn his life around.

"I am delighted Darren is helping to stop others turning to crime," said Chief Supt Corbishley.

"He can talk to offenders and potential offenders in language they understand, and get across the message that crime really does not pay."

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Watery web will catch flytippers

■ BY ANNA WHITE

KENT has become the first county in the UK to use a hi-tech forensic marker spray to catch and deter flytippers.

SmartWater is a permanent and invisible marking tool that is mainly used to protect property, but Clean Kent has now become the first agency to use the tool in this innovative way.

The Clean Kent campaign is a multi-agency project led by Kent County Council in partnership with district and borough councils, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Highways Agency and the Environmental Agency.

With help from former BBC TV Watchdog presenter Nicky Campbell, who now presents the breakfast show on Radio 5, the agencies demonstrated at Maidstone Studios how SmartWater will play a crucial part in the ongoing campaign to crack down on flytipping in Kent.

Residents will be able to spray SmartWater on household waste before it is disposed of. If it is then found illegally dumped, officers can detect SmartWater using ultraviolet light and trace it back to the trader responsible.

The invisible coding spray will remain on any object permanently, even if it is burnt, making it possible to trace the waste back to



SMART MOVE: From left, Clean Kent coordinator Melanie Price, radio presenter Nicky Campbell, Kent Fire and Rescue Service assistant director of community safety Steve Griffiths and SmartWater chief executive Phil Cleary

flytippers trying to cover their tracks. Clean Kent co-ordinator at KCC, Melanie Price, said: "SmartWater has been used throughout the country, and globally, to mark property, but we have been innovative enough to come up with this unique way of using it to deter flytipping. "Because it is invisible there is no way a

trader could know if they are dumping unmarked waste illegally or marked waste.

"We are hoping the risk will deter them and reduce fly-tipping in Kent."

SmartWater chief executive Phil Cleary, whose brother invented the product, said: "The use of SmartWater will help reinforce the mes-



BRIGHT IDEA: SmartWater shows up under UV light

sage to criminals that Kent is now a no-gone zone for flytippers.

"Through SmartWater, Clean Kent will have the technology to pursue convictions and will actively do so.

"SmartWater maintains a 100 per cent conviction rate when used as evidence in court, which will send a strong message to anyone considering flytipping."

The scheme is being piloted in the Swale and Sevenoaks areas first before it is rolled out to the rest of Kent.

People found guilty of flytipping can face prison sentences of up to five years or a maximum fine of £50,000.

Railway offer 'staycationers' ride to rescue

TOURISM bosses have revealed a 14 per cent increase in the number of visitors to the Garden of England so far this year.

Visit Kent said families had been flocking to attractions such as Leeds Castle and Howlets and Port Lympne wild animal parks after a summer promotion in conjunction with train company Southeastern.

Figures from the tourism partnership show that 2,534,491 visitors came to Kent between January and July this year, compared with 2,227,083 in 2008.

The 2FOR1 promotion, which is continuing until March 2010, is available at more than 70 attractions, hotels and restaurants across Kent. Visitors have to present a valid rail ticket from anywhere in Southeastern's network along with a voucher downloaded from the campaign's website or from promotional brochures at railway stations.

More than 3,000 vouchers have been downloaded and it is hoped at least 5,000 will be redeemed before the end of the promotion.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive

of Visit Kent, said: "People are looking for value for money and a good deal and this offer represents that. They are top attractions in Kent – restaurants, hotels, places to visit – so it's a very compelling offer.

"We are convinced this campaign has made a contribution to the positive picture."

The top three downloads include Leeds Castle, Howlets and Port Lympne and Dover Castle. For more information and a full list of the attractions and destinations included in the offer, go to www.visitkentbytrain.co.uk.

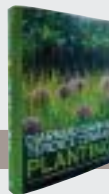
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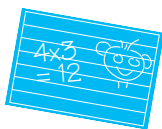
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She said: "Getting GCSE results can be unsettling for all sorts of reasons.

"I would advise all young people to think hard about what they want to do after their results and get in touch with their local college.

"All colleges will have a wide variety of subjects on offer – many subjects won't be available at school and advice will be on hand to help make the right choice."

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MP has praise for children's centre

A NEW Sure Start Children's Centre has been opened at Aycliffe Primary School.

Parents and children attended the open day, organised by school staff, with Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser.

He said the Sure Start centres had become an essential part of the Government's efforts to provide high-quality child care and help to parents.

"There are now eight children's centres in my constituency and everyone I meet speaks very highly of them," he said.

"I'm sure that the Samphire Centre in Aycliffe will attract similar praise."

Reiss takes gold with his Olympic education logo

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A GRAPHIC design student from Dover has created a winning logo for the 2012 Olympics' new educational programme.

Reiss Evans, 18, who attends Canterbury College, beat 150 other graphic design students in a nationwide competition rolled out across colleges and universities in the UK.

His design will be used for Get Set, London 2012's official educational programme, which looks to get children excited and inspired by the Games.

Reiss said he chose his bright pencil design to link in with schools.

"I chose it because students use pencils from a young age at primary schools through to their work at college," he said.

"The pencils are symbolic of the creativity in the UK's schools and the range of colours used represents the global nature of the 2012 Games.

"The colours ensure the logo is eye-catching and they tie in with those used in London 2012's own brand work."

The six finalists in the competition, with four from Canterbury College, including Reiss, pitched their ideas to a panel of judges back in June.

Reiss was announced as the winner on Wednesday and his design was revealed at Nightingale Primary School in Woolwich, which is the first school to be awarded the logo for joining the Get Set network.

Olympic triple-jump star Jonathan Edwards



CHALLENGE: Reiss (left) with other students from Canterbury College who took part in the design competition

and Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell were there to see it unveiled.

Mr Edwards, a London 2012 board member, said: "When London won the right to host the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games we made a clear promise to use the power of the 2012 Games to inspire young people," he said.

"By awarding the new education logo to schools and colleges which successfully join the Get Set network, London 2012 is able to recognise and reward places of learning where inspiring work around the Olympic values of friendship, excellence and respect and the

Paralympic values of inspiration, courage, determination and equality is taking place."

Alison Clarke, principal of Canterbury College, said she was very proud of Reiss and all the other students who had taken part in the competition.

She said: "This is a fantastic achievement by Reiss against gold-standard competition from some of the best graphic design students in the country.

"The fact that four of the six finalists were our students is a credit to them and the graphic design department in the college."

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Gary Wright asks why waste time considering a law that will always blame drivers in collisions with bicycles?



Surely cyclists are the worst example of green arrogance

THE cyclist may just be the best example yet of that self-righteous arrogance that has spoiled Britain over the past 20 years.

I tended to believe that the militant anti-smoker represented all that was worst about this country.

And be clear here, I mean the irritating, supercilious ANTI-smoker as opposed to the far less dangerous NON-smoker, who accepts that people have different ways to live their lives and that compromise is one of the best attributes a person can possess.

That holier-than-thou mentality runs so deep in these people that I have discovered over the years that the ANTI-smoker normally has a string of other unreasonable intolerances that mean he, or she, is not a person with whom I will choose to spend my free time.

They represent the worst of PC Britain and those people like fundamental Christians (well, fundamental anyone, really) who simply

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So the Lycra Louts – who ride like they own the road, ignoring traffic lights and using the pavement when it suits them, especially in big cities – will have even less reason to be careful.

They'll be secure in the knowledge that when they do smash head-on into a truck as they go the wrong way down a one-way street (which is another change in the law being con-

sidered), while they are recovering in hospital, at my expense, they will also know that compensation will be on its way from Mr Truck Driver, who is automatically to blame.

Surely this is madness.

Cyclists are at best a bunch of well-meaning folk who think that a mode of transport invented in the 19th century has a place on our busy 21st-century roads. Incorrect.

At worst they are hoodlums who disregard the Highway Code believing they have the moral high ground because they are not polluting our planet.

Witness the ridiculous anger they've shown over Boris Johnson's sensible plan to open bus lanes to commuters on scooters and motorcycles. Absolute common sense and yet they have protested with an anger not seen since the last anti-fox-hunt protest outside Parliament.

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TALK TIME

LOUISE ROGERS

The charity network coordinator for Community Action South and East Kent in Dover explains the importance of good communication



What does CASE Kent involve?

CASE Kent is a council for voluntary service, which means it's an infrastructure organisation for the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). We cover four districts of Kent – Dover, Ashford, Shepway and Thanet. CASE Kent works to support the VCS in a number of ways, for example, giving advice on how to set up a group or funding applications, publishing newsletters and running training courses.

What is your role and what does it involve?

My job is funded by a Big Lottery Fund BASIS grant and my role is to establish and maintain a network for the voluntary sector in the Dover district. This helps information flow, both to and from the sector, as well as being a route for sharing good practice.

Voluntary sector groups can sometimes feel isolated, so hopefully by bringing people together we can learn from each other.

What does CASE hope to achieve in Dover?

We want to strengthen the VCS and build on partnerships within the sector and with statutory agencies. The voluntary sector undertakes an amazing amount of work every day and has an immense amount of knowledge and expertise. It's essential that it has a strong voice in local policy as well as carrying out the numerous vital roles it has in today's society.

• If any voluntary or community sector group is interested in finding out more they should email louiserogers@casekent.org.uk

YOUR LETTERS

Why we must act to clean the Stour

The Environment Agency has indicated that the River Stour estuary and Pegwell Bay, plus the Stour upstream to above Ashford, is among the lowest two per cent of river sections for water quality.

At times of low rainfall, up to 70 per cent of the water in the mid-Stour between Ashford and Canterbury has passed through the Ashford sewage plant.

Chemicals such as oestrogen are not filtered out and they severely affect wildlife.

Similarly, the River Medway has badly polluted stretches. The Government is committed to the target of 95 per cent of rivers meeting European 'good' or 'very good' standards by 2015, but it will have its work cut out to achieve this.

Factors affecting pollution of rivers in Kent and Medway include sewage run-off, reduced summer rainfall, poor farming practices and the heavy demand for drinking water.

If we don't clean up the rivers, a variety of species will be damaged or will not return to our rivers. This would include otters, kingfishers and water voles.

KCC needs to adjust the Kent environment strategy and use available resources to assist in the clean-up of our rivers.

The cost of meeting standards for England and Wales would be about £9 billion. This is a price we should pay to conserve wildlife.

Geoff Meaden
Green Party



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Isn't such scrutiny your job, Cllr Dean?

The appeal by Liberal Democrat group leader Trudy Dean for the

public's help in cutting KCC's services shows with startling clarity the dangers the people of Kent face now there is no real challenge and scrutiny of Kent's Conservative regime.

Cllr Dean, as chairman of

KCC's scrutiny committee, asks the taxpayers of Kent to let her "know of examples where the county council wastes money".

But taxpayers are equally entitled to ask her why, as chairman of the cabinet scrutiny committee, she cannot identify the areas of waste herself.

They are also entitled to ask why, if she can see no waste herself, she has effectively declared that she will collaborate with the Conservatives in a campaign of cuts.

Perhaps if Cllr Dean had been able to attend just a few more of the cabinet scrutiny committee's agenda-setting meetings over the last eight years she might have had a better knowledge of the areas of waste and the areas of need.

Mike Eddy (Labour)
Mill Hill ward, Deal

Drivers are denied roads we pay for

Hazel Dawe (last week's letters) says I offer a picture of motorists as a persecuted minority.

Wrong – they have become a persecuted majority, not least thanks to the efforts of groups such as hers.

Suggesting drivers are subsidised is pure fiction – their taxes and duties have, since 1997, put some £450 billion straight to the Exchequer, of which roughly £75bn has been spent on roads and their maintenance – not always wisely, eg badly-repaired roads and road-narrowing schemes that reduce precious road space.

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'going rate' for carbon, something that would cause a riot if extended to domestic gas and electricity bills.

The missing billions have gone elsewhere, including police and healthcare.

We have paid in advance for the road network that we and the nation needs – but are denied.

Motoring costs less than 10 years ago? That idea can only come from 'twisted statistics' – everyone's wallets tell a different story. Likewise the claim that public transport needs more support.

I'll grant that infrastructure has been neglected and that some trains and buses are necessary, but in most cases they can only operate with heavy subsidies – currently about £5bn a year to trains and £2bn to buses.

Buses also get subsidies to cover free passes, rural and evening/ weekend services plus 85 per cent of their fuel duty back. Yet still fares are sky-high and service levels inadequate.

The greens should consider this supreme irony: the railway network they so love was largely constructed in the 19th century when coal-burning steam traction was dirty, noisy and generally polluting.

If their green groups had been around then wielding the power they now do, it is very likely few

railways would have been permitted to develop.

Our Fair Deal For The Motorist campaign demands:

- Ending the rip-off tax system – no higher duties or 'green taxes' and investing in roads to keep Britain moving.
- 'No' to road pricing in any form or by stealth, and privacy, not tagging and tracking.
- Real road safety, not cameras.
- Honesty and respect for drivers, not spin and excuses.

The ABD is non-party-political; its campaign aims to put the voice of the driver to all would-be MPs before the coming election and raise awareness of the issues generally.

Ian Taylor

Association of British Drivers

Government must grasp the M.E. nettle

As the debate on assisted suicide moves on, let's not forget Pamela Weston, the latest Briton to take her life at Dignitas.

Her main aim in telling her story was not to promote assisted suicide but to "push the Government hard on medical research into M.E".

Until this happens, people like Miss Weston will wait in vain for a

scientific explanation of what causes this debilitating disease.

This will be fundamental to developing better treatments and ultimately a cure.

Sir Peter Spencer
Action For M.E.

Our friends in the Great North Run

I am writing to thank our runners for taking part in this year's Great North Run and to all readers who supported them.

The event raised thousands of pounds for World Cancer Research Fund's research and education programmes into the link between lifestyle and cancer.

Our runners have worked very hard and we are grateful for their support.

They have also helped us raise awareness that about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented by eating healthily, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight.

It is still not too late to sponsor WCRF's Great North Run team.

You can visit www.wcrf-uk.org/ sponsor or phone 020 7343 4205.

Natalie Tarrant

World Cancer Research Fund



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The 17th Tenterden Folk Festival takes place this weekend with something to entertain everyone

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Now in its 17th year, the festival offers a busy programme of concerts, workshops, dance displays and fairs which are sure to keep folk fans of all ages entertained.

The public events get under way on Friday night with an English barn dance in the Moulton Hall, with music from Geckoes, pictured below inset, and the festival continues with

a tempting array of activities and entertainment.

Visitors can even enjoy performances on the move as dance sides, musicians and singers visit the Kent & East Sussex Railway.

This year's highlights include two special shows featuring regional folk songs and music.

The music of Kent is celebrated on Saturday in Oyster Girls and Hovelling Boys, which features performances by local musicians such as Brian Peters, main picture below, Marian Button, Pete Castle, Bob Kenward and Roger Resch, Dave Mason, The Millen Family and Andy

Turner. The show is named after a recently released CD, the third volume in a series of albums of songs from the county.

During the show, the audience will hear unaccompanied ballads, songs sung with a guitar or accordion accompaniment, a Kentish poem and tunes on the concertina.

Although many of the acts are well-known names on the local folk scene, the audience will also meet Dave Mason, a young poet from Tenterden who wrote The Kentish Woman's Way. There will also be a performance by Betherden farming clan The Millen Family, who still cherish a long-standing singing tradition.

At the end of the show, which takes place in the Saddlery at the side of the White Lion at 6pm, all the artists will join in a rendition of The Whitstable May Song.

The second special concert will be held in the Evans Bar of the Tenterden Club at 1.30pm on Sunday, when Wiltshire songs will be performed in Sing the Year Round.

Tinkers Bag will be providing the entertainment, singing the songs that have been enjoyed at concerts and folk clubs in Wiltshire and beyond.

With their vast array of instruments, from melodeons and bouzouki to kazoo and the shaky egg, the group of friends draw on their established repertoire and also present some brand new songs.

These are just a few of the numerous concerts and events on offer, so pick up a programme or visit the website at www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk to browse the full festival listings.

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AUTUMN CONCERTS



Friday, October 9
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Georgiadis will be joined by Stephen Shakeshaft, who was appointed principal violist of the Scottish National Orchestra at the age of just 25. He then moved on to London where he became principal of the BBC Concert Orchestra, followed by co-principal viola of the Royal Philharmonic.

Cellist Martin Thomas won the Carnegie Medal for performance while studying at the Royal Academy of Music, became a founder member of the Coull String Quartet and is also a freelance player and teacher.

For next week's concert, Stina Wilson (pictured) will be joining the ensemble on flute. She studied at the Guildhall and won a scholarship to the Paris Conservatoire, going on to become a concerto soloist with many chamber orchestras and a freelance player.



Tickets, priced at £10 per concert or £18 for two concerts, are available from The Sound House in Deal. More information can be found online at www.dealfestival.co.uk.

DIARMUID GAVIN

Saturday, October 3
The Secret Gardens of Sandwich



CELEBRITY designer Diarmuid Gavin visits a beautiful garden to launch his latest book this weekend.

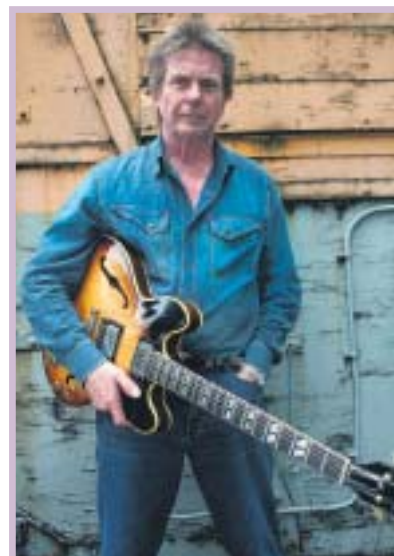
The BBC Home Front presenter will be talking about Planting, produced in conjunction with Sir Terence Conran, and signing copies in a marquee in the heart of the gardens. The book shares Gavin's talents and experiences, using examples of fabulous gardens from all over the world to help readers create their own amazing outdoor spaces.

The Lutyens/Jekyll-inspired Secret Gardens have recently been restored and renovated, offering visitors a wide range of views to admire in its 'room effect' layout.

Gavin has been brought to the area by The Sandwich Bookshop, an independent bookseller opened by Louise Vance in 2004.

Featured in Country Living, the shop was a runner-up in this year's Southern Independent Bookshop of the Year Award.

Admission to the gardens and book-signing costs £12 or £10 for Secret Gardens season-ticket-holders. For more information about the gardens, visit www.the-secretgardens.co.uk. Planting is published by Conran Octopus on Monday, priced at £40.



JOE BROWN

Thursday, October 1
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



AFTER 50 years in the business, Joe Brown is still one of the country's most enduring and acclaimed musicians.

To mark his half-century as an entertainer, Brown embarked on a tour which sold out at every venue including London's Royal Albert Hall. Now he visits Shepway with his long-serving band, The Bruvvers, and son Pete to perform the great songs in a diverse array of genres which have given him such popularity and longevity.

From rockabilly, country and electric rock'n'roll to folk and gospel, the songs are linked by Brown's unique style and humour.

After beginning his career as a live performer, Brown became a recording star in the 60s. His skiffle band, originally The Spacemen, was renamed Joe Brown and The Bruvvers.

Since then his career has included roles in films, pantomimes and stage musicals and presenting jobs on television. He has appeared on Later... With Jools Holland and at the Glastonbury Festival and become a regular Radio 2 contributor.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets

cost £21/£19. You can book online at www.leascliffhall.org.uk, or phone the box office on 0844 847 1776.

LIVE AND LOUD

By Dickens, it's festival time again in Dover

HAVE a Dickens of a time on Saturday as the Dover Carnival Association celebrates the famous writer.

The fourth annual Dickens Festival takes place in the Market Square from 10am to 3.30pm. Dover Youth Theatre will be performing at 2pm – at the Roundhouse Theatre if the weather is bad – and the fun continues at 4pm with a parade from Market Square.

You'll Wish You Were Here for Floyd tribute

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Tim Crompton, and his wife Ann who have been running it for almost eight years, said: "We think it is important to keep traditional pub grub alive but we also cater for those who want something a bit different. For instance we serve very tasty and popular beef and vegetarian lasagnes."

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The hotel is unique in that it serves food all day and every day between noon and 9pm – or 8pm on Sundays – and Tim and Ann say they feel the area deserves the option of tasty food when required by diners.

Current favourite dishes include black pudding and seared scallops, chicken, stilton and bacon wrap, mushroom, brie and Cranberry Wellington and Italian chicken with peppers and tagiatelle.

The locally-produced sausage and mash is also a favourite and has won several awards.

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An eventful 12 months

■ The Unicorn, Bekesbourne

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It has been an eventful year incorporating two beer festivals, charity events, themed evenings, numerous private functions, and most recently they welcomed their new chef, Fay to join their team. Although only at The Unicorn for a short period of time, Fay has managed to put her own personal touch to the menu.

Talking of the menu, The Unicorn will shortly be introducing its autumn/winter standard daily menu together with weekly seasonal specials. The ethos at The Unicorn still remains the same of sourcing as much seasonal local produce as possible for both food and drink.

The Unicorn's Christmas menu is now available and they are already taking Christmas party bookings for December.

Another feature introduced for the first time at The Unicorn this year, is that of Bat and



Trap. There is a regular practice night every Thursday evening and they have already played friendlys against other pubs in the area and are looking to continue this next season with a view to league involvement.

Other weekly events remain the same including Tuesday Steak Night, Wednesday Quiz Night, Sunday Folk/Acoustic open mic and very shortly to introduce on a Monday night a curry special night.

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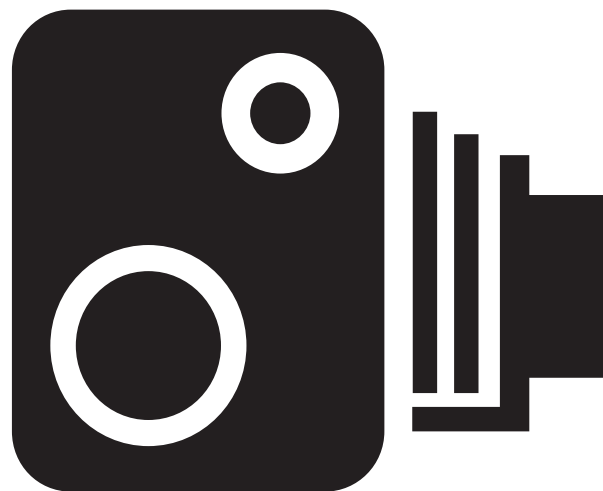
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The humble origin of a highly-evolved career

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

PAUL Bettany has been wowing theatre-goers and independent movie fans for years, but it took his buttock-baring turn as Chaucer in *A Knight's Tale* for Hollywood big-wigs to sit up and take notice.

He now cites roles in *The Da Vinci Code* and Oscar-winning movies *A Beautiful Mind*, where he met his wife Jennifer Connelly, and *Master And Commander* among his impressive resume. But his latest role has proved his most daunting yet.

In *Creation*, Bettany plays the revolutionary scientist Charles Darwin, author of arguably the most explosive book in history, *On the Origin of Species*.

Published 150 years ago, the book was a culmination of more than 20 years of research inspired by his travels as a young man.

In the work, he revealed a scientific explanation for the diversity of species, including the evolution of man, and forever changed the way we view our place in the world.

Creation is based upon *Annie's Box*, a book written by Darwin's great-great grandson, Randal Keynes.

In it, we see Darwin as a young and vibrant family man – albeit one whose mental and physical health gradually buckles under the weight of guilt and grief for a lost child, his beloved ten-year-old daughter, Annie.

A man torn between his love for his deeply religious wife and his own growing belief in a world where God has no place, Darwin even wrote that by effectively 'killing' God he felt like he was "confessing a murder".

So there's much to talk about as I prepare to interview the 38-year-old actor. Opening a



GHOST: Paul Bettany shadowed Charles Darwin's actual footsteps during the filming at Down House

door, I step into a grand but dimly-lit room. There is shelf upon shelf of books but no sign of Mr Bettany, so I take a seat and only then do I notice the soles of two feet hanging off the end of a line of chairs.

"Um... Paul," the PR says gently and a rather tired looking Bettany pops his head up.

It turns out Bettany is feeling rather poorly but, ever the professional, he takes his seat under the spotlight and ploughs on.

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His blue eyes may look slightly glassy but even in this exhausted state, Bettany still makes a striking figure. Tall and slim, his hair shaved for a film role but it only maximises his razor-sharp cheekbones.

"Darwin's a bit of a hero of mine. I think he was an extraordinarily brave human being," he says in quiet but well-spoken words. "I like the idea of a person who is a social conservative having this revolutionary idea."

He felt particularly close to his character while filming at Darwin's actual home, Down House in Kent: "It was beautiful. I am not particularly sentimental but I was really moved. I found it extraordinary to walk that walk where a great deal of his thinking was done. You felt a bit like a ghost for a second."

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Ozzy Osbourne will be rocking Bluewater

THE Prince of Darkness visits Bluewater this weekend to sign copies of his new autobiography *I Am Ozzy*.

An unmistakable rock star and television personality, Ozzy Osbourne has lived an extraordinary life and his story should make remarkable reading. He will be making an appearance at Waterstone's at 1pm on Saturday.

I Am Ozzy, priced at £20, is published by Sphere tomorrow. For more details about the event, phone 01322 624831.

Wine master-class sure to be a grape evening

WINE enthusiasts can enjoy some top tipples at a sparkling wine master-class in Tunbridge Wells.

Hosted by Spanish sparkling wine-maker Codorniu, the event will be led by flamboyant TV wine expert Joe Wadsack. Participants can taste seven Codorniu products and also learn more about the heritage and qualities of sparkling wine.

The event takes place at the Hotel du Vin in Tunbridge Wells on Friday, October 16. To book, phone 01892 500265.

You can get to the core of Kent's apple history

KENT'S heritage as a fruit-growing county is celebrated with a new updated trail guide, *Apple Source*.

Created by Produced in Kent, the free fold-out guide includes lots of information about the Garden of England's apple-growing history and takes the reader on a three-mile circular walk from Chilham.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

HOLE IN THE WALL BBC1, 5.45pm, Saturday

I COULDN'T quite believe my ears when I heard that Hole In The Wall was returning to our screens for another run.

I'll always remember where I was when I heard the news, just like some people can remember where they were when they heard JFK had been shot.

Yes, I was at home watching telly, wondering how we had arrived at this point.

To sum up, HITW is a show so dumb that it gives dumbing-down a bad name.

Teams of celebrity nonentities clad themselves in silver skin-tight Lycra suits and stupid-coloured bicycle helmets and try to adopt a shape that has been cut out of a giant wall as it approaches them.

If they succeed in forming the shape, the wall passes over them, to much cheering and whooping, but if they fail they are knocked into a pool of water, to even more whooping and cheering from the audience.

Yes, it's really that stupid and juvenile and the attire leaves little to the imagination.

Why this stupid nonsense has been recommissioned is a mystery to me and someone at the BBC should be fayed in public.

Granted, it's only supposed to be a bit of light fun, but the contestants seem to take it all far too seriously.

They come across as desperate losers who will gladly humiliate themselves if it means appearing on telly to boost their profile in some small way.

Former host Dale Winton has departed and been replaced by Strictly Come Dancing star, and previous series team captain, Anton du Beke, who has the charisma of a bluebottle.



FILLING A GAP: Former team captain Anton Du Beke takes over as host of Hole In The Wall

The change is the TV equivalent of swapping a reliable Vauxhall Vectra for a Skoda, but Anton looks happy enough to escape wearing the silver suit on a weekly basis and bounces around the set like a village idiot.

If the punishment for failure was more exciting than simply seeing someone toppled into a glorified swimming pool, this would be much more entertaining.

In my dreams the whooping and cheering on Extreme Hole In The Wall would be justified.

Joe Swash's failure to complete a wall would result with him being plunged into a vat of boiling acid, while Vanessa Feltz's misery would be compounded with being knocked into a snake-pit filled with king cobras.

Sadly, though, that could be a wall too far for Saturday tea-time, and that is a real shame.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
GETTING in shape should be your first order of business this week. If you look good physically it will give you the confidence to make your move. If you are single, you'll soon find a lover once you shed those extra pounds. Fortunately, your willpower is at an all-time high.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
BE direct with the object of your affection. Playing cat and mouse games will just annoy them. Fortunately, you've got plenty of sex appeal and will have no trouble catching their eye. If you're in a relationship, you have an opportunity to rekindle the passion that first drew you together.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
KEEP your career plans secret. A high paying job is about to open, and it could be tailor-made for you. The fewer people who know about this opportunity the easier it will be for you to get it. Don't be afraid to press your case for a higher salary than you are initially offered.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
A DESIRE for travel could prompt you to step out of your comfort zone. Fortunately, a friend is happy to tag along on this journey. Although this trip will be enjoyable, you will have to be tough every once in a while. Being an outsider is never easy.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOUR power packed sex drive prompts you to go for gold and try to net someone sexy. The quickest way into their heart is through their mind. Find out what their hobbies are. Read their favourite books and watch their top films. Take up a sport or activity they enjoy.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)
A MONEYMAKING opportunity should prompt you into action. The competition will be fierce, but you will emerge as the top candidate. That's because you've got a complex calculating mind. You can process information and come up with analysis that puts everyone to shame.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
IT'S easy to win people to your side, thanks to your winning personality. Making changes to an outmoded system is possible, thanks to your ability to rally the troops. Approach the person in charge with humour. If they feel like they're being attacked they'll dig their heels in big time.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
DON'T be bashful about your passion for a certain subject. Some may accuse you of being a geek, and maybe they're right, but there are worse things to be. Discussing your obsession may encourage others to admit their fascination with the same subject.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
REARRANGING your domestic schedule will make you more productive in every way. Recently, you've taken charge of everything, mostly because you work fast and don't dilly dally. Be brave and delegate duties to relatives and roommates. Don't fret over the cost.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
NORMALLY you think twice about plunging into new situations, but now you won't be able to stop yourself. Follow your impulses, no matter where they lead. If you lock eyes with someone sexy, be sure to ask for a date. The two of you will form an immediate connection.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
YOU have to be very sneaky about your career ambitions. A high-powered position is opening up, but if people think you are a contender they'll try to undermine your confidence. Be gentle as a dove and wise as a serpent. Gather as much information as you can about the job.

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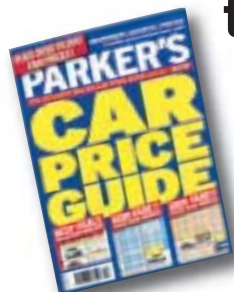
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU will be the one who has to make the first move in a relationship. The object of your affection is too shy to approach you. Fortunately, you won't have much trouble striking up a conversation. The two of you have many interests in common, as well as similar ethics.

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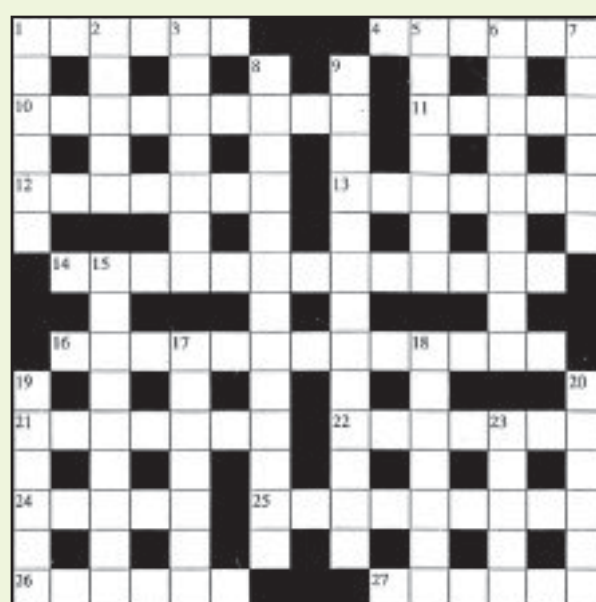
ACROSS

- 1 Distant gambling game played very loudly (3-3)
- 4 Commander takes director to port in Morocco (6)
- 10 Preserve indeed found in lake in Wales, it's a spicy dish (9)
- 11 Outsize vehicle's statuette (5)
- 12 One came from in France inside to world of scholars (7)
- 13 Again adjust one's sight and force US into manoeuvres (7)
- 14 Successful sowers hope to do this eventually (4,3,6)
- 16 Sudden fall of rain (1,3)
- 21 Gold fish first, it is flat on top (7)
- 22 Book 1 study of law first (7)
- 24 Glacial ridge in The Skerries (5)
- 25 Current father? (9)
- 26 Beating concealment (6)
- 27 Pope troubled by the French (6)

DOWN

- 1 Islander naïf about jibe, not half included (6)
- 2 One of two bachelors leaving cake for dance (5)
- 3 A bursting into flames during outbreak of violence (5-2)
- 5 Quite a number with virtuous fellow we brought up (4,3)
- 6 Goods badly cracked on the turn (4-5)
- 7 Most unusual Sartre novel (6)
- 8 Commit oneself to dive (4,3,6)
- 9 Strange tribal reaction to military bluster (5-8)
- 15 Listener noticed that it had been put on one side (9)
- 17 Band opposing Ronald, revolutionary leader (7)
- 18 Nails, say, for nothing without VAT? (3-4)
- 19 Address for delivery (6)
- 20 Wrong amount ruefully included (6)
- 23 Upset, having got the chop? (3-2)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Tull, English agriculturist (6)
- 4 and Hyde (6)
- 10 Musical note (9)
- 11 Anaesthetic (5)
- 12 In place (anag.) (7)
- 13 In progress (2,5)
- 14 Echidna (5,8)
- 16 Set in one's ways (4-2-3-4)
- 21 Soulful person (7)
- 22 Old-fashioned (7)
- 24 Garishness (5)
- 25 Overtax one's strength (9)
- 26 Oil-carrying vessel (6)
- 27 African fly (6)

DOWN

- 1 Hebrew patriarch (6)
- 2 Sri Lankan language (5)
- 3 Cross the (7)
- 5 Agamemnon's daughter (7)
- 6 Sailors' chant (2-5-2)
- 7 Ruling (anag.) (6)
- 8 Rebirth (1,3)
- 9 State of exalted happiness (7,6)
- 15 Doctor (9)
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- 18 Give evidence (7)
- 19 Meatball (6)
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17 Tasty 19 Scan 21 Royal enclosure 23
Ashot 24 Breakdown 26 Canoe 27
Charwoman. **DOWN:** 1 En bloc 2 Flypaper
3 Exponent 4 Coin 5 Flighty 6 Balsamic
7 Recording 13 Basic 14 Matriarch 16
Anything 18 Yeomanry 19 Squadron 20
Blitzed 22 Enwrap 25 Ruhr.

QUICK SOLUTION No107

Fagot 20 Kettle 23 Quest
15 Physician 17 Dazzle 18 Witness 19
Luring 8 Reinforcement 9 Seventh heaven
Tamil 3 Rubicon 5 Electra 6 Yo-heave-ho 7
Tamer 27 Tectae. **DOWN:** 1 Joseph 2
Antique 24 Gift 25 Overlaid
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11 Ether 12 Pelican 13 En train 14 Spiny
ACROSS: 1 Jetiro 4 Jekyll 10 Semibreve

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Still the nation of gazumpers

■ BY NICK AMES

A STUDY has found that gazumping continues to be a significant issue in the UK property market.

Despite the slow sales that have been such a feature of the property downturn, more than one person in 10 who responded to a question about sales being hijacked at the last minute said they had been a victim of such actions.

And more than one in five said that if the opportunity arose for them to pursue a last-minute sale at the expense of another purchaser, they would do so without taking anyone else's feelings into consideration.

Gazumping happens when someone makes an offer on a property that is agreed to, only for someone to come in at the last minute and make the purchase with a higher offer.

It works because any agreement between buyer and seller is not recognised in law until a contract has been signed.

It is the period between when an offer is made and when a contract is signed that creates room for gazumping, with the original buyer losing out if they will not beat the later offer.

The figures mean home-buyers could be forking out up to £290 million annually in pointless surveys, searches and lawyers' fees when they are gazumped at the last hurdle, according to a new study from leading independent personal finance website Fool.co.uk.



BAD NEWS DAY: Research shows that one in five of us are happy to shatter the dreams of other home-buyers

From a survey of 2,000 of its readers, Fool.co.uk – which was looking at malpractice within the industry – found that 12 per cent had been gazumped over the past year.

More startlingly, 22 per cent revealed they

would attempt to gazump a sale if they could, and the property were desirable enough, with 11 per cent describing it as a "necessary evil".

Gazumping is especially a problem for first-time buyers, who are unlikely to have the

available capital to match a gazumping bid, especially when more than 10 per cent of the UK property market is now powered by buy-to-let operations with deeper pockets.

According to Alison Hunt at Fool.co.uk, there are some basic steps that a buyer can attempt to make to prevent gazumping:

1. Insist the property is removed from the market.
2. Sell your property before buying another.
3. Exchange contracts as quickly as possible.
4. Maintain a good relationship with the seller.

5. Work with agents on an exclusive basis. In the meantime, buyers are warned to be aware of the risk of being gazumped, though as house prices stall, and sales volume stalls, property-buyers may be increasingly less likely to suffer from being gazumped.

David Kuo, head of personal finance at Fool.co.uk, said: "For many people, the purchase of a house will probably be the biggest single acquisition they will ever make."

"It can take months of searching to find the ideal home and anything that dashes the dream can be emotionally draining, especially if it is the result of being gazumped."

"But it's not only emotions that get hurt when you are gazumped – finances can take a battering, too."

"Consequently, it is important to minimise the chances of being gazumped, though it is not possible to eliminate the risk completely."

"It is sometimes said that gazumping is the price we pay for free-market competition."

PROPERTY NEWS

Confidence grows as investors back property

ALMOST half of UK consumers believe that buying property is the best way to invest money.

In a study by Scottish Widows, 48 per cent of those polled said investing in property was the best way to maximise returns on hard-earned cash.

This figure is a significant increase on 12 months ago, when just 28 per cent of those surveyed cited property as the best choice of investment.

Commenting on the results, Jason Butler of Bloomsbury Financial Planning said investors should avoid "backing one horse", adding that there was no such thing as a "best investment".

He acknowledged that many investors "want to invest in [property] over and above other investments".

However, he warned that investors looking to build their property portfolio should proceed with caution because the property market fluctuated depending on the borrowing options available.

Lower deposit boost for FTBs

FIRST-TIME buyers will be happy to learn that mortgage-lenders are now asking for lower deposits.

According to Mortgageforce, the average deposit required in August was 21.25 per cent – down from 25 per cent the previous month.

The move is regarded as a sign that confidence is returning after months of gloom.

Katie Tucker, Mortgageforce technical manager, said: "More generous deals are available – the ongoing stability of house prices reduces the risk of negative equity and repossession that lenders are keen to avoid, so we should see more accommodating terms."

However, Ms Tucker also advises borrowers to be clear about the difference between 'discount' and 'tracker' loans, explaining that discount rates do not follow the base rate.

They are instead linked to bank and building society standard variable rates, which can be changed at the lender's whim.

In related news, prospective buyers should be aware that from January next year, stamp duty will be reintroduced on properties over £125,000.

This time last year, the Government opted to increase the stamp duty threshold from £125,000 to £175,000.

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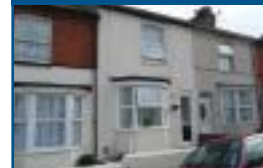
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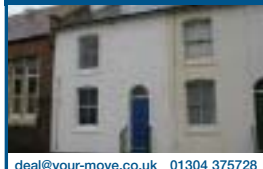
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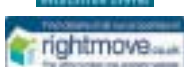
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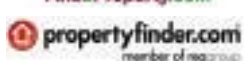
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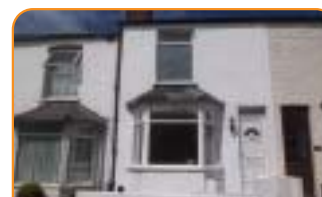
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Baby Land Rover given the green light to roll

LAND Rover has confirmed it will press the production button on its exciting LRX concept (pictured) – it goes on sale in 2011.

Billed as the “smallest, lightest and most efficient vehicle” LR has ever produced, it will slot in below the current Freelander and is tipped to offer greener technologies including a hybrid powertrain option. It will also guarantee the future of the newly-formed Jaguar Land Rover group's production plant at Halewood, Merseyside.



Hybrids can be fun as Peugeot aims to show

PEUGEOT is not only readying a diesel-electric hybrid for sale, but also pitching the idea that hybrids can be fun.

The type will debut in the French marque's new Nissan Qashqai-bashing 3008, launched initially in conventional mode next month, but the RCZ Coupé hybrid concept spin-off pictured here raises the pulse more than most hybrids.

It has 200bhp from electrically driven rear wheels and a diesel front end, yet averages nearly 80mpg and evades road tax with just 95g/km of CO2 emissions.



Focus wins again – this time as star used buy

BRITAIN'S best-selling motor has also won a major accolade from the influential What Car? Used Car of the Year 2009 awards.

The Ford Focus, in 1.6 Zetec Climate form, took the ‘best small family car’ title for its economy and reputation for reliability. The judging panel said: “There's good head and legroom in the front and back, and room for five people. The boot is a generous size and easy to load; fold down the rear seats and you can move masses of stuff.”



DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION: Launched in 2003, the current 5-Series styling remains controversial, however BMW's big seller handles beautifully and continues to tick the right boxes

BMW star continues to wear badge with pride

ROAD TEST BMW 5-SERIES

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

when needed, while sipping fuel when driven sensibly, all helped by a beautifully weighted six-speed gearbox.

A mid-life facelift added some of BMW's EfficientDynamics technology; energy recovery from braking now tops-up the battery to prevent the alternator sapping engine power.

As usual, official fuel figures are optimistic, but averaging nearly 50mpg is not unreasonable unless you exploit the engine's low-mid range punch and amazing poise for such a big car (0-62mph in 8.3 seconds); balance and economy is helped by all-aluminium bodywork ahead of the windscreen. It will hustle along country lanes making about as much fuss as it does when quietly cruising motorways.

The cabin is spacious and typically well-arranged, if clinical, and now features a more user-friendly sounds/navigation/technology interface than on launch models.

Leather is a £1,340 ‘must have’ extra to an otherwise attractive £27,430 price for an entry level 5-Series that is a long way from petrol 518i ‘poverty spec’ models of past generations, when snobby company car users would ask for the boot badge to be deleted from their order – ‘520d’, on the other hand, may be worn with pride.



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AS more people downsize their car, fuel and road tax bills, chances are that one or all of the following popular used superminis will be on their shopping list. Year in, year out they are the UK's most consistent best-sellers – a growing trend in the current economic climate. The trio are also excellent all-rounders, but a word of warning: second-hand car prices are robust at present so don't pay more than it would cost to keep your old car longer or trade up to a new car.

FORD FIESTA



FORD'S hugely successful supermini has marched on with a new model launched in late 2008, but don't expect weaker used prices; the credit crunch, rising fuel prices and draconian road taxes have made the Fiesta a top target for its reliability, decent driving experience, engines to suit all pockets and three and five-door body styles. Ford has also regularly produced special and limited editions laden with extra goodies, offering plenty more choice – there's even a hot ST model.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

RENAULT CLIO



DOWNSIZING can be sensible and chic with the Clio and the most recent generations have married durability and driving fun with Gallic charm. Again, the option of three or five doors is a big selling point, but our French contender also has the bonus of excellent diesel versions, though the cost of the actual fuel versus petrol argues against it currently. The Clio design has tended to be highly practical as well as charming, with good space for rear passengers.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL CORSA



VAUXHALL'S Corsa was created to attack the Fiesta, yet has never quite achieved the volumes of its rival. Nevertheless, it offers similar virtues, plus a greater range of engines including a punchy and frugal three-cylinder petrol engine now in greater demand due to these straitened times. Several generations of Corsa followed a 'teardrop' body style, but the latest car is bigger and more aggressively sculpted – almost a 'supersize supermini' – with a sporty VXR version too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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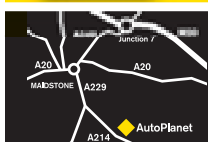
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• Spec
• XXXXXX
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A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ① ②

HAPPY DAYS!

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FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447896 ①

SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 ①

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Hailsham Box 455221 ①

BE MINE

Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 ①

WAITING FOR YOU

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SEIZE THE DAY

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LOVE TO LOVE YOU

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YOUNG-AT-HEART

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A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 ① ②

JUST ONE QUESTION...

A warm, generous, attractive and caring lady, 40, seeks soulmate who will love, respect and cherish her. What's taking you so long? Box 873456 ①

WANNA RIDE WITH YOU

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RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

Single mother, recently separated, 41, 5ft9, slim, blonde/blue eyes, WLTm fun loving man with GSOH, someone honest and genuine. I love cooking, cycling, outdoors. Folkestone. Box 457913 ①

JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 ① ②

SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 ①

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TALL ORDER

Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020 ①

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

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LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

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Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 54" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 ①

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Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 ①

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

GSOH, honest, romantic and reliable woman, 45, dark blonde hair/blue eyes. WLTm honest and reliable man 40-55. I like reading, cooking, walks, theatre, animals. Box 457521 ①

STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soap, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 873141 ① ②

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, N/S, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, N/S, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

FANCY A DRINK?

Hi, I'm June, 47, bubbly, loving. Looking for a trustworthy guy for a relationship. I enjoy walks, car-boots, travelling and sharing a bottle of red. Box 878294 ①

MY PRINCE?

Not-just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872361 ①

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ①

ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build. WLTm genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 ①

SAY YES!

Funny lady, 48, looking for tall/short hippy/biker/metal type to relieve the boredom. Must enjoy cat cuddling and have own chocolate because I never share! Box 878407 ①

A BETTER TOMORROW

Young 50, slim, non-smoker, female, autumn hair. Seeking a companion to make a new start with. I'm in Dover and enjoy countryside, walks, good food/wine. Box 458847 ①

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 ①

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Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642 ①

TALL & SLIM

Sociable female, 54, tall & slim, short dark hair, green eyes, love gardening, walks, reading, visiting country pubs, dining out. WLTm a like-minded gent. Box 456504 ①

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 ① ②

GREETINGS!

Canterbury Lady, 56 seeking special genuine, fun loving gent, 50-60, to enjoy life with and share interests such as walking, cinema, theatre, dining out, holidays. Box 873039 ①

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MEMORIAL: Deal & Betteshanger play Royal Marines

RUGBY

Lions take on Royal Marines to mark 20 year anniversary

DEAL & Betteshanger Lions meet the Royal Marines Band Service Rugby Club on Sunday in the annual memorial match for the 11 Band Service musicians who died in the 1989 Deal Barracks bombing.

And, 20 years on from the blast, Lions president Dave Rose Snr said: "This year's match will obviously have added poignancy because of the anniversary."

"But this is one of those games where the result doesn't really matter and we will be fielding a team picked from throughout the club, including some of our older players who also knew the lads who died."

The memorial match was first played in 1990 and has taken place virtually every year since, with the venue alternating between Deal and Portsmouth.

Deal & Betteshanger have produced a 20th anniversary commemorative tie and also a special club jersey, which carries both the Lions' logo and the Royal Marines Band Service emblem, to mark the occasion.

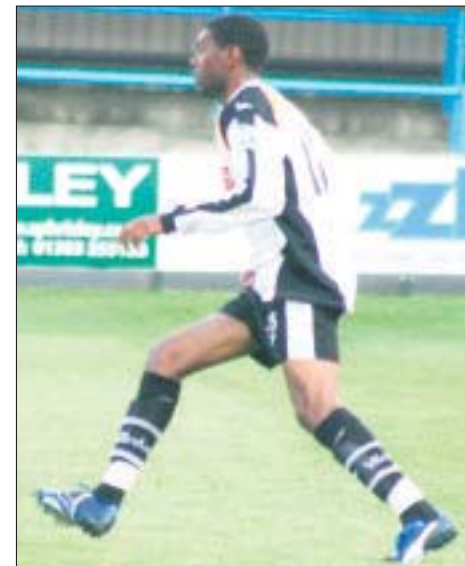
There will be a minute's silence before Sunday's game at Drill Field, which kicks off at 2pm.

The Lions posted their first win of the league season last Saturday, beating Eastbourne 48-0. Dover Sharks also tasted victory, winning 25-17 against Old Colfeians, but Folkestone's 100 per cent start to the season came to an end as they went down 20-12 to Medway.

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BRACE: Lee Browning (left) scored twice as Dover thrashed minnows East Preston at Crabble on Saturday in an FA Cup tie which saw Craig Rocastle (right) make his Whites debut



Eight-goal slaughter sends Dover through in FA Cup

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 8

Schulz 21, Hill 32, Browning 61 & 80, Welford 68, Walder 84, Wallis 85 & 87



East Preston 0



DOVER Athletic made light work of East Preston as they smashed eight to romp into the next round of the FA Cup.

The Whites made the most of the five divisions between the sides and an upset never looked on the cards at Crabble. A late flurry saw four goals in the final ten minutes to rub salt in the Sussex County League side's wounds as Dover serenely progressed into third round qualifying.

Manager Andy Hessenthaler was pleased with his side's professional display.

He said: "It was all about East Preston, it was their cup final. I was a bit disappointed in our

play at times but it is always difficult in this type of game, our boys can only beat what is put in front of them.

"It was a good performance in spells. We will pick up on the negative bits because we want to get into good habits, but overall it's nice to be in the next round of the club - we need a decent run in the cup."

Dover, under Hessenthaler, have never quite translated their imperious league form into cup competitions, something the Whites boss wants to change in this campaign.

After an early scare the hosts settled into a rhythm and created four good chances before taking the lead on 21 minutes. The East Preston defence failed to clear their lines and Olly Schulz was on hand to slam the ball home from six yards.

The home side doubled their advantage on the half hour through Dean Hill's free header from Nicky Southall corner.

East Preston's best chance of the game came shortly before the break. A great build up involving Kevin Budge and Terry Dodd allowed Dale Campbell to force a smart save from goalkeeper John Whitehouse.

The Blue Square South side dominated the second half and highlighted the gap between

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Southall (Rocastle 64), Browning (Miller 80), Birchall (Hughes 54)

the two sides. Lee Browning made it 3-0 with a tap-in just after the hour mark to virtually seal the victory.

With the pace of the game taking its toll on the Sussex County League side, Dover surged forward and the floodgates opened. Shaun Welford's far post header made it 4-0 on 69 minutes.

The closing stages were harsh on the visitors. Browning grabbed his second of the game to make it 5-0, before Danny Walder scored his first for the club. Two long-range efforts from Jon Wallis wrapped the win which puts Dover two victories from the first round proper.

Up next is a trip to Worcester City in the league this Saturday.

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FA Cup display puts us on the map, says Hythe chief

FOOTBALL

BY YOURSHEPWAY REPORTER

Hythe Town 2

Kingwell 27, Guiver 81

Woking 2

Anane 71, Sole pen 78

HYPHE Town chairman Paul Markland believes Saturday's FA Cup draw with Woking has put the club on the map as one to watch.

The Kent League side surprised the full-time professionals from three divisions above them, forcing a replay at the Kingfield Stadium last night. Visiting boss Graham Baker was reportedly so unhappy with the display he hauled his players in for training on Sunday.

Whatever the result in the replay, Markland believes Saturday's game laid down a marker for the club.

He said: "It was a tremendous result for us, everyone at the club's on cloud nine. I think it firmly puts us on the map as one of the better sides in the area in our league or maybe the one above."

"We want to win the league but other than that it was one of those days you're in football for. It was superb to take on full-time professionals and match them."



UP FOR THE CUP: Pat Kingwell (right) scored the opener as Hythe pushed Woking all the way in the FA Cup tie

Although the crowd of 557 did not match the attendance which watched Hythe beat Dover two seasons ago, Saturday's tie was arguably a much bigger game against a side which had been playing in the Conference last season.

Hythe had suffered a chastening defeat to title rivals Faversham in their previous game, and were up for the game from the kick-off. Their full-blooded approach appeared to catch Woking off guard and they took the lead on 27 minutes, when Pat Kingwell raced on to a Gavin Ransley clearance to slot home.

Kieron Mann pulled off several good stops to maintain the advantage at the break and the goalkeeper continued to perform miracles in the second half as Woking surged forward.

The game swung in the 71st minute when

Hythe starting XI



Subs used: Guiver (Marsh), Puntton (Pursglove)

Dave Cook had a glorious chance to make it 2-0, only for Woking to snuff out the danger. Within seconds Mann was finally beaten as Ricky Anane rounded the goalkeeper to tap home the equaliser.

The cup dream looked to be all over as Woking were awarded a contentious penalty, converted by Giuseppe Sole. But Roy Guiver, who was penalised for the spot kick, ensured Hythe earned a replay with a goal two minutes later.

Hythe even had chances to win the tie outright late on, but Cook, Kingwell and Scott Puntton fluffed their lines.

The replay will provide a useful cash boost for Hythe, with gate money split 50/50 in the FA Cup. Markland said: "It's a nice bonus we didn't budget for, which is great to have considering there's a recession around. I suppose the ideal route would be to draw at home and win away. You never know."

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CATCH OF THE DAY



This week's fishing is all about whiting

By **TONY HILLS**, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association

WHITING, whiting and more whiting of various sizes are being caught in these calm, clear conditions. Why couldn't we have had this in August for the mackerel?

The tides are building from today onwards, with 7.4 metres plus at the weekend with a rising south-westerly wind, so the cod should be on the cards.

PIRATE SPRINGS AND LITTLESTONE: Night-fishing on the evening tides should produce whiting plus the odd surprise.

BACK OF THE BOATS: This weekend could be dynamite, and I mean cod if we get the south-westerly blow on a rising tide. Keep a lookout for a change in the weather.

DUNGENESS: Again at low water on a rising tide should improve towards the weekend with whiting, dabs and cod.

DENGEMARSH AND GALLOWAYS: This cracking south beach comes into its own on a south-westerly three to five. Besides the species mentioned I would add bass, this is the time to get a big one.

JURY'S GAP: Should fish over high water later in the week depending on the weather. It's easier to fish in a big blow (if you can stand up) than further up the bay.

BOAT FISHING: Codling are moving in big numbers, with many fish being caught in the eight to ten pound class and it should get even better with the rising tides. Kerton Road is starting to get busy a month earlier than usual.

The first part of the week should offer near perfect conger conditions.

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	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	11	8	2	1	+14	26
2 Newport County	11	7	4	0	+17	25
3 Thurrock	11	6	4	1	+5	22
4 Woking	11	6	3	2	+6	21
5 Basingstoke Town	11	6	3	2	+4	21
6 Braintree Town	11	5	4	2	+5	19
7 Havant & Waterville	11	5	4	2	+4	19
8 Bishop's Cleeve	11	5	3	3	+5	18
9 Bromley	11	5	3	3	+3	18
10 Chelmsford City	11	5	1	5	-3	16
11 Staines Town	11	3	6	2	+4	15
12 Eastleigh	11	4	2	4	+6	14
13 Bath City	11	3	4	4	0	13
14 Hampton & Richmond	11	3	3	5	-5	12
15 Maidenhead United	11	2	5	4	-4	11
16 St Albans City	11	3	2	6	-5	11
17 Welling United	11	3	2	6	-5	11
18 Weston-super-Mare	11	2	2	7	-2	8
19 Dorchester Town	11	2	2	7	-12	8
20 Worcester City	11	1	4	6	-4	7
21 Lewes	11	0	6	5	-20	6
22 Weymouth	11	1	3	7	-20	6

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Godalming Town	8	6	1	1	+9	19
2 Folkestone Invicta	8	5	2	1	+6	17
3 Merstham	9	5	1	3	-1	16
4 Croydon Athletic	7	4	2	1	+15	14
5 Chatham Town	8	4	1	3	-1	13
6 Walton & Hersham	6	3	3	0	+5	12
7 Corinthian-Casuals	8	3	3	2	+4	12
8 Fleet Town	8	3	2	3	+5	11
9 Dulwich Hamlet	8	3	2	3	+1	11
10 Metropolitan Police	8	2	4	2	+2	10
11 Burgess Hill Town	8	3	1	4	-1	10
12 Worthing	6	3	0	3	+1	9
13 Walton Casuals	7	2	3	2	0	9
14 Whyteleafe	8	3	0	5	-1	9
15 Ramsgate	9	2	3	4	-2	9
16 Leatherhead	7	2	2	3	0	8
17 Sittingbourne	6	2	2	2	0	8
18 Eastbourne Town	7	1	3	3	-4	6
19 Horsham YMCA	7	1	3	3	-7	6
20 Whitstable Town	6	2	0	4	-9	6
21 Ashford Town	7	1	2	4	-13	5
22 Chislehead	8	0	4	4	-9	4

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	8	7	1	0	+16	22
2 Beckenham Town	7	5	1	1	+8	16
3 Herne Bay	7	5	0	2	+4	15
4 Greenwich Borough	8	3	3	2	+5	12
5 Erith & Belvedere	6	4	0	2	+3	12
6 Sevenoaks Town	5	2	2	1	+7	8
7 Hythe Town	4	2	1	1	+8	7
8 Holmesdale	6	2	1	3	+2	7
9 Erith Town	4	2	1	3	+2	7
10 Fisher	8	2	1	5	-8	7
11 Deal Town	5	2	0	3	-6	6
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15 Corinthian	4	0	1	3	-10	1
16 Lordswood	6	0	1	5	-13	1

FIXTURES

(Saturday): Blue Square South: Worcester City v Dover Athletic; FA Trophy Preliminary Round: Folkestone Invicta v Hitchin Town; Kent League Premier Division: Deal Town v Sevenoaks Town

Shot-shy Invicta toppled by high-flying Godalming

FOOTBALL

Folkestone Invicta 0 Godalming Town 1

FOLKESTONE Invicta suffered their first defeat of the season as they were toppled from the Ryman South summit by new leaders Godalming Town.

With Dave Cory injured and Jimmy Dryden only fit enough to be named among the substitutes, the Seasiders handed a debut to new signing Simon Austin. The well-travelled former Maidstone and Chatham striker performed well on his first outing, but his introduction failed to correct Invicta's woes in front of goal as they fired blanks for the third successive game.

The top of the table clash was decided ten minutes from time when Andy Ottley fired a free-kick past an unsighted Jack Delo.

Invicta slipped to second, but the lack of goals will be a concern for manager Neil Cugley, whose side have scored just eight in as many games.

Deal Town suffered at the hands of in-form Beckenham Town, going down 5-1. The game started badly when the visitors conceded two penalties in the opening 15 minutes. They fell further behind midway through the half and a fourth goal just before the interval made the result a formality.

Jack Collins pulled a goal back for Town but it never looked like sparking an unlikely comeback. Becks had the final word 13 minutes from time as Deal slipped to 11th in the Kent League.



WORRY: Neil Cugley's side again failed to score

This weekend they face another of the division's form sides when Sevenoaks Town visit the Charles Sports Ground.



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